

## Foundation Grant Continues Handwashing Campaign

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been awarded a \$125,000 grant from the [Kansas Health Foundation](#) to conduct a one-year statewide Handwashing Education Campaign.

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The handwashing education grant designates \$65,000 to be awarded for handwashing education at the local level. The one-year Handwashing Education Campaign will use direct education at local levels and statewide media

messages to reach Kansans, with a special emphasis toward children and food service workers.

This multifaceted public health campaign will align KDHE with local and industry partners in an effort to increase public awareness of the importance of effective handwashing in preventing the transmission of infectious diseases and as a basic good health practice.

If you would like to participate in increasing handwashing awareness in your facility, contact Pam Barnum, Public Health Educator at (785) 368-7261 or (785) 296-5600. Watch for more information soon on [www.kdheks.gov/bch](http://www.kdheks.gov/bch).

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